

40729**Demonstrate use of force responses in a prison environment**

Kaupae Level	3
Whiwhinga Credit	5
Whāinga Purpose	<p>This skill standard is for a person working as a Corrections Officer in a prison environment.</p> <p>People credited with this skill standard will be able to, in relation to use of force responses in a prison environment: summarise legal and operational rules, employ medical and health considerations, demonstrate use of force techniques, and describe debriefing processes.</p> <p>This skill standard aligns with the New Zealand Certificate in Prisoner Management (Level 3) [Ref: 2658].</p>

Hua o te ako me Paearu aromatawai | Learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Hua o te ako Learning outcomes	Paearu aromatawai Assessment criteria
1. Summarise legal and operational rules governing use of force in a prison environment.	a. Define the term 'use of force responses' as it relates to working in a prison environment.
	b. Identify aspects of the Tactical Options Framework that relate to use of force in a prison environment.
	c. Identify legislative authority to apply use of force in a prison environment.
2. Employ medical and health considerations when applying use of force in a prison environment.	a. Employ medical considerations when applying control and restraint techniques in a prison environment.
3. Demonstrate use of force techniques in a prison environment.	a. Outline own professional responsibilities when using force in a prison environment.
	b. Explain own decision-making processes when considering use of force in a prison environment.
	c. Clarify team member roles and responsibilities when applying control and restraint techniques in a prison environment.
	d. Apply the appropriate caution to a prisoner prior to use of force.
	e. Demonstrate appropriate control and restraint techniques in a prison environment.

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4. Employ debriefing processes that follow use of force in a prison environment.	a. Complete debriefing processes following use of force in a prison environment.
	b. Establish reporting techniques and required timeframes that follow use of force in a prison environment.

Pārongo aromatawai me te taumata paearu | Assessment information and grade criteria

Assessment specifications:

- Assessment against this skill standard may take place in a simulated environment.

Evidence provided for assessment against this skill standard must:

- be gathered in a prison environment.
- be gathered in accordance with organisational policies and procedures.
- be gathered within the boundaries of the Corrections Officer role.

Definitions:

- A *prison environment* refers to a setting that replicates the conditions, structure, and dynamics of a correctional facility. This includes actual prisons, and any time prisoners are managed outside of the confines of a prison.
- The *Tactical Options Framework* is a tool used to appropriately decide when, how, and at what level to use tactical options. It assists in deciding what level of force is necessary and proportionate, given all the circumstances known at the time.
- *Use of force* refers to the application of reasonable and justified physical force to achieve lawful objectives, including the use of control and restraint and pepper spray

Ihirangi waitohu | Indicative content

- Tactical Options Framework.
- When control and restraint can be considered as a tactical option.
- Tactical options model.
- Personal responsibility when using force.
- Team members role in use of force.
- Implications of using force necessary for the situation.
- Planned use of force versus spontaneous use of force.
- Legal caution given to a prisoner prior to use of force.
- Types of less-lethal force.
- Regulation 119B and when to use it.
- Medical considerations when using force.
- Physical and psychological effects when using non-lethal force.

- Debrief process.
- Use of force reporting and timeframes.
- Physical and psychological impacts of pepper spray.

Ngā momo whiwhinga | Grades available

Achieved.

Rauemi | Resources

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- Young, A. (n.d.). *Prison policy, prison regime, and prisoners' rights in New Zealand*. Human Rights Commission. Available at https://hrc-nz-resources.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/files/6414/2550/8365/Young_year_-_Prison_policy_prison_regime_and_prisoners_rights_in_NZ.pdf.

Pārongo Whakaū Kounga | Quality assurance information

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